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SEEKS QUIET AFTER TEMPESTUOUS LIFE

"Black Hawk" Settles Down in Gas Station

Alpena, Mich.—Familiarly known as "Black Hawk," the Post Ranger and "Doc" George H. Connor, sixty-two years old, wanderer and adventurer, has found security from the dangers of a tempestuous career at a little gas station, called by him "Ranger's Rest," which he operates on U. S. Highway 23, a few miles north of Alpena. He got the title of Black Hawk through having been adopted by a young Indian tribe in Mexico in 1881.

"Doc" has been a ranger, practicing physician, chiropractor, lumberjack, bricklayer, railroad worker, tool and die maker, contractor and generalist. He is a prolific writer of poetry which he signs with the sobriquet, "Black Hawk."

Connor has led a life of action and adventure. He lived in Texas, Arizona and Mexico in the early '90s when those sections were spots which attracted the adventurer and the outlaw. He has been shot three times and stabbed twice and has had 21 bones broken. He is a musician of considerable ability, playing the guitar to the accompaniment of verse which he writes himself.

Connor is a picturesque character. Scores of tourists passing his Ranger's Rest stopped daily during the height of the tourist season, attracted by his appearance and held as conversationalists by his ability as a conversationalist. He wears always the western cowboy and other clothing affected by the plains ranger. His mustache and goatee add to his personality.

Connor was born in West Bay City, son of J. H. Connor, lumberman. He ran away from home when nine years of age and obtained employment in the lumber camps of Michigan, peeling logs and doing other work. Later he drove a tote team and then was graduated into the realm of a full-fledged lumberjack.

Doc went to Texas in 1881 and remained in that state, Arizona and Mexico for four years. While there he had many thrilling experiences and adventures. He returned to Michigan and re-embarked in the occupation of river driver. He worked in the vicinity of the An Sable river for five and a half years, but also did lumbering on the Humber and Occochee.

Almost Killed. Connor said that while he carried on flirtations with perils in the South west, one of the closest calls with death was while employed in An Sable, April 13, 1885, repairing a giant Gran mill burner. This burner was 80 feet high with a 20-foot neck at the top, giving it a bottle shape. The burner suddenly collapsed while Connor was working on the fourth scaffold. Seventy thousand bricks rained down upon him and the five other workmen on the job. Four were instantly killed. One died from the effects of being buried under 137 tons of debris. Connor was the only one who survived and was released only after having been imprisoned under tons of bricks for five and one-half hours. "The agony which I suffered—buried alive—cannot be described," "Doc" says in telling of his experience.

Subsequently he worked in Detroit where he went to night school at the Detroit college. He qualified as a doctor of medicine and practiced six years in Detroit. He also followed the profession of chiropractor for a number of years in Canada. The prosaic character of his profession and the demands it made upon him were too severe and he quit practicing.

North China to Punish Bribing. With Behanding. "Off with their heads" is the order issued by the Ching provincial government for officials who are caught taking bribes of more than 100 dollars. The order has been sent out to all magistrates. Capital punishment for corrupt officials is a new regulation in China, where officials have regarded "squeeze" as a part of their job for centuries. Some of the most notable officials in the past have been notorious for stealing public funds.

But the Nationalists desire they intend to discourage this practice and will make an example of the first official in North China who are caught.

Stone Age People Made Toys to Amuse Children

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Stockholm.—Whether or not there was a Santa Claus in the Stone Age primitive people provided toys for the amusement of their little ones. Ivar Schenck, archeologist of the state historical museum, has found miniature stone objects, clearly meant as playthings for children. One of these was a tiny but well-made stone at 2.5 centimeters in length, evidently fashioned by some fond Stone Age daddy for his little boy to play with.

FRENCH DEED PLOT FOR YANK'S GRAVE

Village Where Hero Died Ends Controversy.

Washington.—Through the gift of the French village of Moyennoutier of the ground occupied by the grave of Lieut. Thomas R. Plummer of New Bedford, Mass., a controversy of ten years comes to an end.

This caused the unwinding of much red tape. Lieutenant Plummer, although fifty years of age when the war broke out, enlisted in the American Red Cross and was assigned to the French village of Moyennoutier, just behind the French lines. There he did such valiant work that he was beloved by the entire population of the village. They buried him with highest honors in their own village cemetery. His death was the result of unselfish devotion to sick and wounded French soldiers.

When the work of removing American soldiers' bodies to government cemeteries in this country and France began Lieutenant Plummer's grave was one of the few isolated ones marked "not disturbed."

The government could not leave soldiers' bodies without definite title to the land or without assurance that graves would be properly cared for, however.

After much interchange of correspondence between the town council of Moyennoutier, the cemetery division of the quartermaster corps of the United States army and the family of Lieutenant Plummer, the problem was solved with receipt of the title to the ground occupied by the grave.

65-Mile View Unfolds to Plane Passengers

Washington—Alpine passengers

Washington.—Alpine passengers who get "a bird's-eye view" of the country as they fly from city to city really get more than a real bird's-eye view.

Passengers in the air liner flying at a height of 2,500 feet, an average altitude for safe flying of big planes, see the horizon 65 miles distant on a clear day and have an area of 7,000 square miles within their vision.

Within an angle of 45 degrees straight down, air passengers with fair vision can survey an area of about 10,000,000 square feet.

Traveling at the usual mail-passenger plane speed of 100 miles an hour, the aerial traveler has less than a minute to decipher signs which have an area of 500 to 2,000 square feet. The billboard promoter of the future will have to provide giant letters on the roofs of buildings if they expect to "talk" to him behind the nation's billboards. A six-foot letter is legible at 6,000 feet and a 15-foot letter at 12,000 feet.

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